

## **GROUP-BASED SEARCH ENGINE SYSTEM**

### **ABSTRACT OF THE INVENTION**

A search system and method for performing group-based searches. The system comprises a client system having a browser and a search engine plug-in, wherein the search engine plug-in allows group members to generate nomination data by nominating web pages; and a server having a control program and a group structure for storing nomination data, wherein the control program generates a primary search result list based on a search index, and further refines the search result list based on the stored nomination data.